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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-100-1]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Approved information collection extension; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of current review and revision of the standards for marine mammals in the Animal Welfare Act regulations.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by March 31, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden (such as the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology), or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Docket No. 96-100-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please send an original and three copies, and state that your comments refer to Docket 96-100-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For information regarding the support of

current review and revision of the Animal Welfare Act regulations and standards for marine mammals, contact Dr. Barbara Kohn, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animal Care, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7833. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Animal Welfare.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0115.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* March 31, 1998.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Animal Welfare Act (the Act) regulations and standards have been promulgated to promote and ensure the humane care and treatment of regulated animals under the Act. Title 9, part 3, subpart E, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) addresses specific care and handling regulations for marine mammals. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) initiated review and revision of subpart E through use of negotiated rulemaking. Consensus language for §§ 3.104(b) through 3.104(f) was not agreed upon during the negotiated rulemaking process. In order to develop revised regulatory language concerning space requirements and supporting economic analysis, APHIS needs accurate, up-to-date information on the current space provided at all regulated marine mammal facilities. It is proposed that APHIS inspectors collect enclosure dimensions and inventory marine mammal facilities at that time to aid the Agency in developing a proposed rule for space requirements and the supporting economic analysis.

The above information collection does not mandate the use of any official government form or place any additional burden on the public.

The information collection of 9 CFR part 3, subpart E, is necessary to enforce regulations intended to ensure the humane care and treatment of marine mammals.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. We need this outside input to help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per response.

*Respondents:* USDA licensed/registered marine mammal facility representatives.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 135.

*Estimated Numbers of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 68 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of January 1997.

Donald W. Luchsinger,

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 867]

#### Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 105 Providence/Warwick, Rhode Island

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

*Whereas*, an application from the State of Rhode Island Department of